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Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 21, 1953 addressed to the Legal Adviser, referring to certain treaty hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 13, 1953 and requesting information concerning the States having statutory or constitutional provisions restricting the practice of professions to citizens. The statement on page 28 of the record of the hearing to which you allude, regarding the number of States having such restrictions, was made by Senator Hickenlooper, on the basis of information obtained from sources other than this Department. Such information as this Department has on the matter is derived from secondary sources and is not sufficiently current, precise and authoritative to meet your requirements.

Very truly yours,

Stanley D. Metzger
Assistant Legal Adviser
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cp - Mr Walker: 8/21/53

Stan Metzger tells me you've been answering letters like this.

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L- Mrs Keegan:

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Dear Sir:

Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation
Between the United States of America and Japan

In reviewing the record of the hearings before the subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 13, 1953, we note that you testified on Article VIII of the above Treaty and said that only thirteen or fourteen states or thereabouts have constitutional provisions or statutes requiring citizenship in the U.S. as one of the pre-requisites for admission to practice of certain professions. You were at that time discussing the proposed reservation by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which was ultimately adopted by the Senate in ratifying the aforesaid Treaty.

May we kindly inquire whether your records indicate which states specifically require citizenship as a pre-requisite to practice the profession of law in the U.S. and which states do not have such citizenship requirements. We are very much interested in this problem since we have a Tokyo office servicing the foreign business interests, principally American, who are engaged in very important activities over there. It appears that in the light of this reservation the Japanese side is also making similar reservations for ratification of this Treaty so that it would be very important for us to know these details. While undoubtedly if we searched the laws of the fourty-eight states we could get this information, we are taking the liberty of writing you since you may already have it in accessible form.

Appreciating very much your courtesy,

Yours respectfully,

Hunt, Hill & Betts

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